## When Wooing Jane

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Jane came slowly down the stairway, hesitated a moment at the library door, then gave herself a mental push and

"I'm sorry I've kept you waiting," she said sweetly, trailing her violet chiffons across the polished floor. The big man beside the fireplace ignored preliminaries. He looked from her eyes to the cluster of double violets

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on her breast. "I see you got my flowers and the

She nodded. "The violets are dearand I'm sorry you're going away. It isn't for long, is it?" with timid hesita-"For good and all. I leave tonight on the ill o'clock train, so that I haven't

"Oh, tonight!" said Jane and sat down with apparent indifference and a

real need for support. He leaned one elbow on the mantelshelf and towered over her. "They've given me a splendid place

in South Carolina. It's what I have been waiting for, and it's come like a shot. I only got the appointment tocongratulate you," said Jape, wondering what there was in the world to

live for, after all. He looked at her for a moment in silence, and she looked at her violets through a queer grayish mist. "Jane," he said at last, "you know

what it is I want to ask you, don't Jane's heart missed a beat unaccountably, then throbbed like mad to

make up for lost time. She tried to "Ja-ane," called a voice in the halt.

Where are you, Jane?" "She's in the library," Jane heard her sister answer. "Sister, here's Lillian." aloud and ran out of the room.

Thurston heard a murmur of voices in the hall. I won't stay-no, indeed, I won't," said one, and another, Jane's own, answered-he realized with satisfaction, not quite regretfully - "I wish you

There was a soft flurry of skirts, a nervous little laugh, and Jane came slewly back into the room.

It was Lillian," she explained. "We run in on each other at all hours, and she iidn't know you were here, so she weuldn't"-

I haven't much time," said Thursten gently. "Let's not waste it on Lillian. Do you remember what I was saving?" Jane remembered.

Tell me, then," said the man, "is it worth while my saying it-don't we"-"Some one's coming," breathed Jane, and Thurston released her hands just in t me.

Mane," said a mild voice from the door, "the maid said your mother was Why do you have the room so dark, child? I can these a thing. Why don't you light another lamp?"

oh, Aunt Jane," cried her namesals stepping forward with weak effullyeness and presenting a dutiful cheek to be kissed. "This is Mr. Thursten-you remember him, dan't you?" Oh, 'yes," said Aunt Jane, "yes, indend. I suppose you're one of the Indiana Thurstons? I had a very dear

friend once, Harrier Barnes, who married a Thurston from Indiana. Any "Not that I know of," rejoined Thursten, with tense politeness. "We are a

New York family. I never heard of that branch," said Aint Jane, with an air that discredited it at once. "Where did you say your mother was, Janie?"

Upstairs, dear Aunt Jane. She'll be Are you quite well, Janie?" asked the old lady suddenly. "Your cheeks as so flushed and your hands are quite cold; you're not shivering, are you? She's such an imprudent thing,

"Aunt Jane!" called a voice from the head of the stairway. And Aunt Jane

departed. They waited till the door had closed shind her. "Another half hour gone," aid Thurston, with angry tenderness. Your hands are cold and your cheeks be prettiest pink. Is it because

"Oh, wait," she pleaded, drawing away from him. "I'm sure I heard ome one in the hall-please."

"I don't care if the whole world were just outside the door, and it apparently is" said Thurston. "I want you to as the longest reasonable word in the to ask all the evening-will you"-

"There is some one," whispered Jane hysterically, and flinging herself into a chair just as Bobby Martin, noisily cheerful and sure of welcome, burst

"Just got a wire," he cried gayly. "Passed my exams, Jane. I knew you'd be dying to hear, so I thought I'd run over and let you know. Hello, Thurston! Isn't it bully, Jane? I'm

coing up next week." How do you do? said Thurston fu-

Byer flunk, an exam, translation. Thurston?"

"No," said Thurston suvagely. "Bully for you! I say, Jane, there's a fellow in the crew says be thinks l might get on if I train hard enough, and I'm going to try for end on the "That will be nice," said Jane weakly.

"Nice! It'll be great if I can do it. say, you're looking mighty fine tonight, Jane; been rubbing your cheeks? Your "How mean, Bobby! Are they generally so dull?" Jane giggled nervously. "Why did you look at the clock, Mr.

"My train leaves at 11," said Thurs

"Going away, Thurston!" queried Bobby, with interest. "Where?" "South Carolina."

"Mr. Thurston is leaving on-to live there," put in Jane hopefully. "Oh, I say, that's great." Her effort died unnoticed. "South Carolina's a fire old place. I was there one summer. I tell you what, Thurston, they have the prettiest girls you ever saw. Jolliest, brightest things - not a bit stiff. A fellow can have a mighty good

"I suppose so," said Jane stiffly. "I dare say you had a good time there yourself. Was that the summer you were expelled from college? I should not think, Bobby, that you would care to talk about it.

"Well, for heaven's sake!" cried the Thurston looked at the clock again, with ostentation.

"Won't you play the 'Serenade' for me?" asked Jane desperately. "You know I can't play anything but The Good Old Summer Time, with two fingers, and I'm too shy to play

"I meant Thurston, Bobby," explained the girl, with suspicious sweetness. "I know what you can play."

Thurston stalked grimly over to the piano and dropped his hands on the keys with a thud, while Bobby sat back complacently in his chair and Jane fidgeted in hers. He struck several heavy chords, then began the tender monotone of the "Serenade," but the nervous irritation, vibrating to his finger tips, jarred the harmony and Just a minute," pleaded Jane half Thurston, breaking off with a discordant crash, swung round upon the stool. "I can't play tonight," he said vicious-

ly, returning to the fireplace. "Why, you were doing fine," said Bobby, with polite surprise. "You're too modest about it."

Thurston set his teeth, squared his shoulders and looked at the clock. was nigh upon the eleventh hour.

"Mr. Martin," he began grimly, "I am leaving upon the 11 o'clock train tonight. This is the last opportunity shall have of seeing Miss Wallis. When you came in I was about to ask her to marry me. I am going to ask her now. Will you defer your visit, or do you care to hear me?" Jane gasped; so did Bobby, the good hearted blun-

"Oh, I say," he began, springing to his feet in direct confusion, "I'm no end sorry. I wouldn't have done it for the world. What a duffer I've been. I'm awfully sorry."

"So am I," said Thurston. "I hadn't an idea"-"So it seems," interrupted the older

man, with suppressed rage, "but since I have suggested one to you"-"Oh, Bobby," cried Jane, with a

nysterical little laugh. "Young ass." muttered Thurston. taking a step toward Jane. Bobby fled incontinently and the door slam-

Thurston caught Jane and the violets and the violet chiffons in his arms, crashing them close.

"We don't have to say it; we know," he declared exultingly "Yes," said Jane with a laugh that was more than half a sob, "but we

wanted a chance to say it anyhow." A bit of coal fell from the fire to the hearth with a tiny crash. "Was that a step in the hall?" murmured Jane. But she did not move.

In Frederick Saunders' "Balad For the Solitary and Social" he says, "The naturalist Lovell published a book at Oxford in 1661 entitled 'Panzoologicomineralogia,' which is nearly as long a word as Rabelais' proposed title for a book-namely, 'Antipericatametaparhengedamphieribrationes." " And in a footnote he gives two others from a pamphlet in his possession, published years ago in London. The title reads, "Chrononhotonthologos, the Most Tragical Tragedy That Ever Was Tragedised by any Company of Tragedians." The first two lines of this ef-

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